



STATE OF IDAHO

March 27, 2008

The Honorable Lawrence Denney
Speaker of the House
Idaho House of Representatives
Legislative Annex
Boise, ID 83720

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved and am transmitting herewith the following bill to wit:

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EXCEPT THAT said bill making appropriations of money embracing distinct items has been item vetoed and disapproved within the time limited by law, the bill having been received in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 10:25 a.m. on March 21, 2008. The item disapproved is as follows:

On page 1 of the enrolled bill, line 20, the sum of "\$274,000"

The Department of Administration is consolidating the purchase of computers for all state agencies in order to realize significant volume-buying discounts for Idaho taxpayers. However, the Legislative Services Office did not avail itself of that process in its request for these 108 laptop computers for use by legislators. The Department of Administration expects to save \$1.2 million in FY2009 on its purchases of desktop and laptop computers as part of a broader effort to consolidate and bring greater efficiency to all of state government's IT functions. Specifically, the department will be saving an average of at least 25 percent on its purchases of laptops, or about \$350,000 of the \$1.2 million total savings on computer purchases. I am confident the Legislature will recognize the benefit of similar General Fund savings in the acquisition of new laptops for legislators and take advantage of the Department of Administration program.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho